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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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The Most Reverend James Oglethorpe Patterson, Sr., Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., of Memphis, Tennessee and prelate of the Headquarters Jurisdiction of the Church, announced his OFFICIAL RESIGNATION from the position of Prelate (Bishop) of Headquarters Jurisdiction.

As Presiding Bishop (President) of the predominantly black three and one-half million pentecostal denomination, Bishop J. O. Patterson felt that the responsibility of presiding over a local territory along with his national duties was too much for one person. It was in this spirit that Bishop Patterson presented the resignation to the General Board of the Church of God in Christ, Inc., for an Auxiliary Bishop of Headquarters, who will have oversight of the local congregations while Bishop Patterson continues to preside over the International Church and General Offices.

The General Board accepted the resignation of Bishop Patterson, from the position of Bishop of Headquarters and restructured the entire state of Tennessee so that all congregations East of the Tennessee River will comprise the "SECOND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION OF TENNESSEE" with THE RIGHT REVEREND AUDLEY KING of Shelbyville, Tennessee serving as BISHOP. Congregations situated West of the Tennessee River, in the state of Tennessee, with the exception of the incorporated city limits of

Memphis, (as it now is and shall, from time to time, be amended by the Municipality,) shall comprise the "CENTRAL ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION OF TENNESSEE" with THE RIGHT REVEREND W. L. PORTER of Memphis, Presiding as JURISDICTIONAL BISHOP.

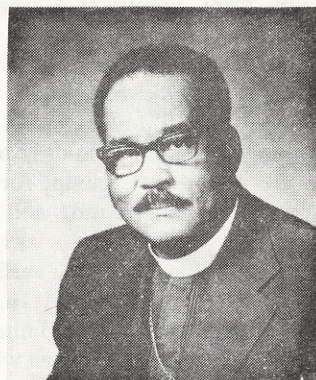
The city of Memphis will be known as "THE HEADQUARTERS ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION of the Church of God in Christ, Inc." THE RIGHT REVEREND F. D. MACKLIN of Munford, Tennessee will serve as BISHOP OF THE JURISDICTION AND "AUXILIARY" TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP AT HEADQUARTERS. PRESIDING BISHOP PATTERSON will now assume the position of TITULAR BISHOP OF HEADQUARTERS since he remains "head" of the denomination and, further, since Memphis is the World Headquarters for the Church.

Central Tennessee's Headquarters Church is located at the corner of Railroad Street and Allen Avenue in JACKSON, TENNESSEE, where Bishop Porter has served as Pastor for a number of years. Bishop Porter will be installed in his new See by the General Board, assisting the Presiding Bishop within the month of September. (date to be announced.) Bishop Porter will preside over, upwards fifty congregations and missions within the Central Jurisdiction. The Bishop's organizational meeting will be held on August 22, 1981 at the Greater Allen Avenue Church of God in Christ in Jackson, Tennessee. During this session, the Bishop will apportion districts, and gather

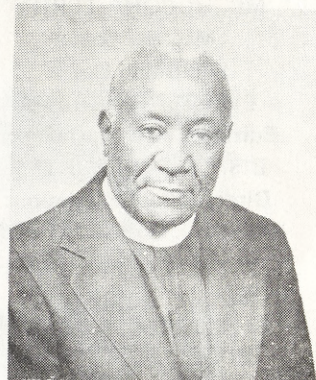
the statistics of his new Jurisdiction. Innovative programs and ministries for the welfare of the Church and community will be introduced and initiated by the Bishop. Bishop Porter has served the National Church in many capacities: Such as National Director of Public Relations, Housing Director, and Director of the Convocation. At present he serves the General Church as National Trustee and General Superintendent of National Properties of the Church of God in Christ with principle offices in Memphis, Tennessee.

Bishop F. D. Macklin (Elect,) has served the Church as Pastor of the Homeland Church of God in Christ, 1490 Britton Street, Memphis, Tennessee for many years. As District Superintendent, he offered much to the welfare of pastors and training ministers for his people. Bishop (Elect) Macklin served as Chairman of the Jurisdictional General Board and Second Administrative Assistant to Bishop J. O. Patterson for three and one-half years before his elevation to the Bishopric. Bishop Macklin will preside over better than eighty (80) churches and missions within the city

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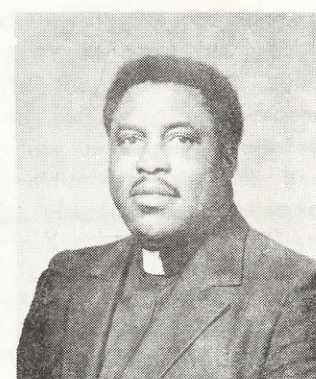
The Most Reverend J. O. Patterson, D.D.
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ,
Inc.



The Right Reverend F. D. Macklin
Jurisdictional Bishop and
Auxiliary to the Presiding
Bishop at Headquarters
(Memphis, Tennessee)



The Right Reverend W. L. Porter
Jurisdictional Bishop
Central Tennessee



The Right Reverend Samuel Lowe
Auxiliary Bishop without
Portfolio

BISHOP'S ADOPT NEW OFFICIAL VESTMENTS

Under the administration of Bishop J. O. Patterson several changes have taken place to improve the image of the Church of God in Christ worldwide. One of the areas that he has sought to upgrade is the office of the bishop. He is concerned that the bishopric receive all the honor and respect it deserves and that it, in no uncertain terms, be disdained.

One move in this direction has been the adoption of certain ecclesiastical insignia. Insignia may be defined as symbols of authority, dignity or office. Three specific symbols have been selected as the official emblems of the office of the bishop.

The first is the Coat of Arms, which is actually the symbol for the Church of God in Christ as a whole. It is a circular emblem with the words: "THE SEAL OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.", printed at the top of the crest. At the bottom of the crest are the words, "ORGANIZED 1907," is gathered wheat with rain (symbolic of the latter rain)

falling in the background. The rope around the gathered wheat represents Bishop Mason gathering together several churches to form the Church of God in Christ.

The second is the Symbol of the Bishop. It is an oval shaped emblem with the words, "THE SEAL OF THE BISHOP" printed on the right side. Between these words is a picture of a crown with a tippet flowing from beneath it. The crown represents authority, glory and endowment. The tippet is the bishop's stole or yoke and symbolizes his willingness to fulfill his role as a servant of the church. It also indicates his spiritual kinsmanship with the Presiding Bishop who appoints him to his high and holy office in the Church.

Underneath the crown is a shield with grapes centered in the middle. The shield, of course, represents the spiritual armour of faith. The grapes represent suffering. The leaves attached to the grapes represent healing.

The third symbol is that of the Presiding Bishop. It is a circular emblem which incorporates all of the components of the



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GUEST EDITORIAL

DID WE MISS THE RAPTURE?

by

Elder Charles Hawthorne

One of the doctrines taught by the Church of God in Christ is the personal return of Jesus Christ to catch away or rapture the saints. This was taught by Jesus Himself, who said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (St. John 14:2, 3.) The Apostle Paul taught this doctrine, too. In I Cor. 15:52, he says, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed". In I Thess. 4:16, 17, he teaches that the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

While we hold that the rapture will take place, we don't say WHEN. For the Bible says that "of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mk. 13:32.) Some, however, have thought themselves to be

the exception to the rule and have claimed special inside information on the exact date that Jesus is to return.

One such person is Bill Maupin, founder of The Lighthouse Gospel Tract Foundation. This past summer he predicted that Jesus would return in the month of June. Some of his 40 to 50 followers quit their jobs, sold their homes and personal belongings, and gathered for their appointment with Jesus in the rapture. When the Lord didn't show up, Maupin set another date in August. And again he and his followers were stood up.

Could it be that Jesus came and we just missed Him? Did we miss the rapture? Bill Maupin doesn't think so. He says he just got his dates mixed up for some reason. I wonder what that reason could be?

There's no way that we could have missed the rapture because the saints are still here. We're not going anywhere until Jesus comes back. When that will be, only God knows and "He aint tellin'! So, it ain't no tellin when Jesus is coming back. We just better be ready when He comes.

SECOND BISHOP'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HELD

The second Bishop's Leadership Conference was held the first week of July during the UNAC-5 convention at the Pick-Congress Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The conference's theme was "Basic Fundamental For Achieving New Dimensions." The purpose of the conference was to provide an opportunity for jurisdictional bishops to further develop their leadership skills and abilities.

The various classes that were offered included Jurisdictional Administration, taught by Bishop D. L. Lindsey; Budgeting, taught by Bishops W. L. Porter and C. H. Brewer; Organizational Structure of the C.O.G.I.C., taught by Dr. J. Delano Ellis, II; and Basic Resources, taught by Bishop G. R. Ross.

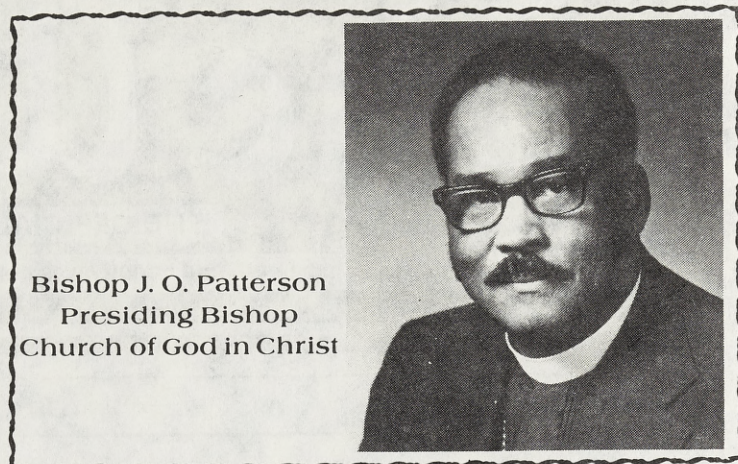
Each class was designed to provide formal training for those, who in many instances, have learned about being a bishop through trial and error of personal experiences. The various training sessions offered each prelate the benefit of vital information essential to their personal development as a bishop. Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Chairman of the Board of Bishops and Dean of Seminar, said that the Conference was "designed to help us upgrade ourselves in the world community." Elder J. Delano

Ellis stated in an exclusive interview that the classes would serve to "professionalize" the office of the bishop and bring increased dignity to those who hold such an office.

Bishops serving on the General Board received complimentary attache cases with their names engraved on it. Jurisdictional bishops received complimentary portfolios with the seal of the bishop engraved on the front. These cases enclosed conference material, including programs, information booklets, and note pads with the seal of the bishop printed at the top.

In addition to the various leadership classes, worship services were held each morning. The bishops took advantage of their time together to discuss business matters during the conference, also. These sessions were closed to the General Church and public.

At the close of the three day conference, awards and certificates were presented to the participants. The bishops left enthusiastically with a wealth of information and greater determination to broaden their ministries as noble prelates of the Church of God in Christ. May each and every saint hold their bishop, not only in high esteem, but up in prayer.



Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

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Memphis, Tennessee



Office of the Presiding Bishop

Dear Co-laborer:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I have striven diligently to unselfishly lead our Church for the past twelve years. I have been honest in all of my dealings and I am not ashamed of my past performance because no man can truthfully say that I have been dishonest with the Church's funds nor have I, intentionally, ill-treated anyone. If I have made any mistakes, they have been honest ones and if I am made aware of them, I will humbly apologize and make restitution.

Every project I have undertaken has been in the interest of the General Church and not for personal aggrandizement. For the past several years I have been trying to get the members of the Church to cooperate with me in the God-given vision of Saints Center. We have, through the support of a few of us, been able to purchase about seventy (70%) percent of the land needed for this development. It is, however, very crucial that we purchase, immediately, the remaining needed properties, especially since developers are concentrating on purchasing the same property we need.

The thing, however, that makes it more crucial that we act at this time is some of the land we acquired was purchased from the Memphis Housing Authority with the understanding that we would make use of the land as we proposed within a certain time limit. That time limit has been revised several times and has presently expired. Therefore, we will either have to make use of the land now, or return it to the Memphis Housing Authority.

I cannot build and develop Saints Center alone, neither can you. However, if each of us would do all we can for the expansion of the Lord's work it would be a very easy task. As I am writing this letter I hear the air-hammers cutting out the concrete floor for updated fire escapes in our downtown headquarters, that we are in the process of renovating for the use of our "All Saints University" we hope to open in the not too distant future.

The latest effort for fund raising put forth in our Church is a request for at least five-thousand (5,000) individuals or congregations, to donate one-hundred (\$100.00) dollars per month for twelve (12) months.

I am begging you to please be one of these regular contributors, whether monthly or weekly, with whatever amount you are able to send. I do, however, hope you understand that contributions have to be CONSISTENT and NOW. Make all checks payable to CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - SAINTS CENTER.

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Thanks for your immediate response !!!!!!!

Gratefully yours,

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ, Inc.

THE SAINTS CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM "HOW IT IS FUNDED"

Despite the noble nature of the Saints Center Development projection, it has been a much criticized and severely maligned project. Many people are critical because they feel that the Development Programs drains funds from the Central Operation of the Church. It is apparent that people who feel this way are not adequately aware of how the Development Program is funded.

Another of the myriad criticisms of the Saints Center Development Program has been the contention that too many different programs have been launched. The Saints Center Board of Directors has initiated and sanctioned varied projects because their contention is that these several projects represent entry levels that meet the needs of the masses. That is, certain programs are designed for those who are willing and able to make large and perhaps one-time donations. Other programs are designed to offer an opportunity for those who can only contribute small, short-term amounts. Still other opportunities are offered to those who can lend moderate, but consistent financial support. Examples are as follows:

THE HEAVENS SAVINGS BANK - The original Saints Center support program, the savings bank system is the base upon which other fund raising plans are built. This system offers opportunities for large donation pledges which can be paid in one contribution or through systematic installments. Although the pledge system brought a degree of success, it was perceived as an exclusive, elitist system. Our leaders felt that there were numerous people who genuinely wanted to share but did not have the means to make pledges of one, two and three thousand dollars. Thus, the subsequent creation of the Shareholders' Club.

THE SHAREHOLDERS' CLUB With incentives such as certificate of memberships, color-coded according to the "level" of the contribution, the club offers an opportunity for involvement by everyone from the wealthiest to the individual who can purchase only one (1) Faith Share of twelve dollars (\$12.00.)

One of the major needs of the Saints Center Development Program is to generate

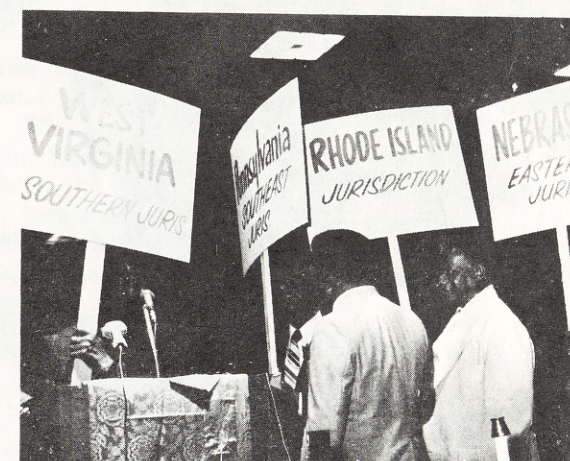
consistent, substantial income, initially to build Saints Center and ultimately to help sustain the Center. With this concept firmly established, the Board of Directors endorsed the following:

COGIC SAINTS CENTER LAPEL PINS - For only a five dollar (\$5.00) donation, Saints Center supporters are given an attractive lapel pin which, in itself advertises the concept of Saints Center while it denotes the bearer's support of the vision.

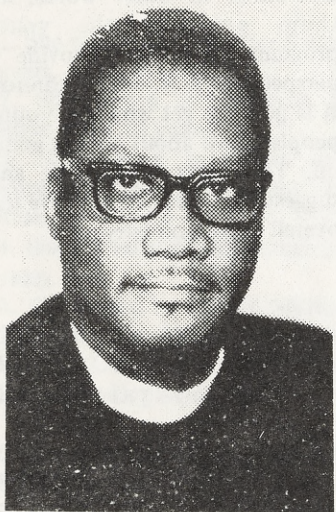
CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE - In appreciation for a forty dollar (\$40.00) donation, a special chronologically arranged King James Bible is awarded.

SPECIAL SAINTS CENTER ALBUM - The sermon, "Treat Lazarus Right," preached by your Presiding Bishop at the 1970 National Convocation, is offered for a contribution of seven dollars (\$7.00.) All proceeds go to Saints Center.

The Annual Saints Center Rally in Memphis is always an inspirational Boost for the Development Program.



WHEN PASTORS WONDER HOW "LIFELONG LEARNING AND TRAINING"



BISHOP P. A. BROOKS

The minister of the gospel should be the eternal student ever seeking to add to his already received knowledge and experience. The person who has not experienced the sheer joy of learning, has missed one of life's treasures.

Among the many components available to the ministry of the Church of God in Christ is the C. H. Mason Bible Colleges, which by now is spread through out the United States and even in some foreign countries - (1) mention our Bible colleges because September is the time for enrollment for fall classes. Also the post graduate; C. H. Mason Seminary at Atlanta, Georgia, but besides these all about us in the world are human models.

No book or professor can tell us what the practice of ministry is as well as someone doing it competently and successfully.

Most of us can identify professional colleagues whom we respect and from whom we have learned informally a great deal about what the ministry is.

Persons who incorporate a value, a skill, a quality, a commitment, which exemplifies humanity at its best... We must recognize every opportunity to learn and be open enough to seek dialogue with persons of rich experience - for the human model is not only the richest resource for learning, it is also the most available ... For the life of a fellow human being is an invaluable resource for learning - Ivan Illych has stated that "Life long learning is that quality of life characterized by openness to oneself, to others and to the world which lets learning occur anytime, anywhere, using whatever data may be available and appropriate."

Although the minister's schedule is quite heavy he owes it to himself and the flock to ever seek to sharpen and polish his skills. Next issue I will be dealing with that all important phase of leadership known as "Decision Making."

Address all correspondence to Bishop P. A. Brooks, P.O. Box 04038 Detroit, Michigan 48204.

NEW DOCTRINAL BOOK DEDICATED TO SAINTS CENTER

The book you have been waiting for has finally come! The name of it is UNDERSTANDING BIBLE DOCTRINE AS TAUGHT IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST. The book is designed to instruct people in the fundamental truths of the Bible. It is an excellent study guide and training catechism for new converts and ordination candidates.

This new publication was

MEN OF VISION FOR TELEVISION

Thank God for men in the Church of God in Christ who are indeed men of vision. The Bible says that "where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18.) This scripture should not be viewed to refer only to the people of God. It is broader than that. Sinners are people, too. Where there is no vision they (sinners) will perish.

What God is doing in these last days is raising up men with a vision for souls. These men are seeking every available means to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are taking advantage of the mass media in an effort to minister to the masses. The television, in particular, has become an increasingly effective method of ministry.

Some of the men who have vision for television include Bishop Samuel Green of Norfolk, Virginia; Elder Jonathan Greer of Atlanta, Georgia; Bishop P. A. Brooks of Detroit, Michigan; and Bishop C. D. Kinsey of Jacksonville, Florida.

Bishop Kinsey's television ministry is entitled, "The Hour of Faith, Fellowship and Power." The year old broadcast

released in the early part of August and already has received overwhelming responses by church leaders and laymen alike. Dr. George McKinney, pastor of St. Stephens COGIC in San Diego, California, is quoted as saying that the book is "a long overdue training catechism." The Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson is quoted as saying that "this book may be valuable for training ordination candidates throughout the brotherhood."

This ministry had its beginning in June of 1980 when the church, Greater Holy Temple COGIC, did a one hour pilot for the broadcast. On Sunday July 20, 1981, the Hour of Faith, Fellowship and Power made its debut. The broadcast has continued until today.

The television ministry is primarily supported by the Holy Temple Church Family. But in December of 1980, a telethon was sponsored to promote and encourage support from the community and television audience. Several pledges were made to keep the broadcast on the air.

An arm of Bishop Kinsey's television ministry is the telephone counseling ministry. Viewers of the Sunday broadcast are urged to call in for prayer and counseling. It is reported that over 300 calls a month are received by the telephone counselors. Callers have been saved, healed and even delivered from suicidal tendencies.

The authors of this timely book are: Bishop P. A. Brooks, prelate of the Northeast Jurisdiction of Michigan; and Elder Charles Hawthorne, Campus Minister at Eastern Michigan University and writer for the Whole Truth paper. They have been working together for two years to make available to saints a quality, catechistic, resource tool.

Those that want a working knowledge of basic Bible doctrine as taught in the COGIC, need to have this unique book in their possession. It's 116 pages are divided into two parts. The first is a workbook section and the second is a textbook section.

The contents unveil to the reader, the mystery of God's Word as it systematically covers the doctrines of the Bible, God, Christ, Holy Ghost, Angels, Demons, Man, Sin, Salvation, Church, and last things, There is also a special addendum on Water Baptism. The approach used in teaching these subjects is clear, concise and effective. Students of the Bible will become rooted and grounded in the truth and stimulated to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The price of this doctrinal book is \$10.00. Saints may obtain it through the Church of God in Christ Bookstore, located at 272 South Main in Memphis, Tennessee 38101. Copies may also be obtained from Bishop Brooks at P.O. Box 04038 in Detroit, Michigan 48204. Proceeds from the sale of the book go toward the completion of SAINTS CENTER, the future World Outreach Center and Headquarters of the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST.

YOUTH NEWS AND VIEWS

PRINCE CHARLES RECEIVES BIBLE FROM NATIONAL YOUTH OFFICER



NEW YORK, August—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales receives the 750,000th GOOD NEWS BIBLE in Canberra, Australia from Miss Mary Hughes, National Youth Officer for the Bible Society in Australia, recently. The heir to the royal throne of England received the inscribed Bible before a crowd of Bible Society officials and supporters of the

Bible cause at the Society's headquarters. In the background is the Rev. James R. Payne, Australian Bible Society General Secretary. The GOOD NEWS BIBLE, the Bible in Today's English Version, first published by the American Bible Society in 1976 has been distributed worldwide in more than 11.5 million copies.

AUGUST SEMINAR AND REVIVAL HIGHLIGHT NEW DISTRICT EMPHASIS

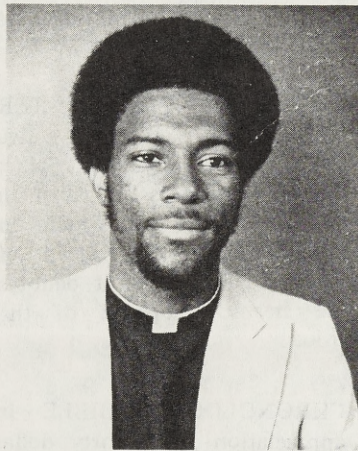


Bishop J. Neaul Haynes (Left,) Bishop of the Texas Northeast Diocese, places cross on Supt. E. L. Battles (Right) during the installation service of the latter as Overseer of the recently organized Fort Worth Metroplex District. In the background are other area superintendents.

The August Seminar on "Bringing in the Sheaves" and the August District Revival highlight one main emphasis of the newly formed Fort Worth Metroplex District—"That Souls Be Saved and Secured in Christ." The district, comprised of several churches in Fort Worth-Arlington-Dallas, Texas area, is under the leadership of Dr. E. L. Battles, superintendent and Missionary Odessa Newman, district missionary.

Dr. Battles was installed as overseer of the district in March by Bishop J. Neaul Haynes, Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas Northeast who, also delivered the installation message, "The Just Leader"—II Samuel 23:2-3. Throughout the sermon, he continued to reiterate verse 3b "He who ruleth over men must be just."

The installation ceremony culminated the initial activities



Elder Charles Hawthorne

of the new district which began with its convocation in February. The theme was "A Challenge to Witness." The official Message was delivered by Dr. Battles, who also pastors two of the district churches, Love Sanctuary COGIC (Fort Worth) and Mitchell Street COGIC (Dallas.) The other churches in the district located in Fort Worth are The Friendly COGIC, pastor Elder Verdis Bonner; Rebirth COGIC, Elder S. L. Sullivan; New Jerusalem COGIC, Elder Alton Davis; Rainbow Mission COGIC, Elder Raymond Wheatfall; and in Arlington, Greater New Hope COGIC, Elder J. L. Newman.

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NATIONAL YOUTH RETREAT IN THE PLANNING

One of the excellent classes taught in this year's UNAC was "Evangelism in Recreation" taught by Evangelist Derrick Hutchins from Orangeburg, South Carolina. The class dealt with acceptable and unacceptable forms of recreation. Special attention was directed to the Church of God in Christ's teaching on the subject and the varied stances that many pastors take with regard to recreation. Discussion also centered around some of the difficulties people encountered in personally resolving the issue of engaging in recreation.

This interesting class attracted a number of folks, many of who thought it would be a good idea to sponsor a National Youth Retreat. There was an expressed concern over the fact that, unlike other churches or religious organizations, the Church of God in Christ has no campgrounds or resort areas where a youth camp or retreat could be held. Many of the saints felt that something of this nature would really attract a

number of young and could be used as a vehicle for evangelism and spiritual growth and development.

What Elder Hutchins has in mind is drawing at least one thousand young people, high school age and up, from all parts of the country. He believes that Saints Academy would be the idea place to hold a retreat for several reasons. First of all, is the school's location. It is a place that is away from home, a place where youths can get away from it all and get alone with other saved youth, and of course, with God.

Secondly, is the schools facilities. The place is very spacious with 300 acres of land, dormitories, cafeteria, auditorium and chapel.

Thirdly, is the school's historical significance. The first Church of God in Christ was located in Lexington, Mississippi. This would put young people in touch with the church's roots and cause them to reflect on our

rich history. But, young people want action. They want to be "where the action is." If there "ain't nothing' happening," they're bound to "split" (leave.)

This is not just some scheme to keep young people from leaving the church. There's a biblical principle involved here. God is a "man of his word" (Jer. 1:12; Isa. 55:11.) If he spoke it, he'll bring it to pass (Isa. 46:11.) If he promised, he'll fulfill it (Heb. 10:23.) Godly youth leaders will strive to be an example, not only in what they say, but in what they do, as well (I Tim. 4:12.) When young people see men and women of their word, they will come to learn that this is how God is. They will learn to trust you and trust God, too. Amen!

To avoid having to go back on your word, be slow to speak. Don't just go off and announce something that has not been carefully thought out and planned.

A second way to conduct your evaluation is to develop a questionnaire and distribute it to your young people for answering. In other words, let them evaluate the youth program. They can provide a perspective that others cannot. It is good to get what the young people think about what's going on. They may have ideas, and suggestions that can improve the overall youth ministry.

rich history.

Fourthly, is the schools educational setting. This lends itself to an atmosphere of serious study of God's word. Young people would benefit from this learning experience.

The format of the retreat would include physical, recreational, social and spiritual activities. There would probably be various classes or seminars offered in the morning. The social and recreational activities would take place in the afternoon. In the evening there would be church services with guest choirs and youth speakers.

Elder Hutchins is hoping that the first youth retreat can take place in the summer of 1982. Right now nothing is definite. Plans are only tentative. More information will be forthcoming as things are solidified.

DEATH NOTICES AND MEMORIALS



MOTHER MAMIE THOMAS
Obituary

Let Her Works Praise Her In The Gates-Proverbs 31:31.

Mother Mamie Thomas was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in Moultrie, Georgia at the age of 16 under the late Bishop W. G. Shipman. In 1935, she came to Belle Glade, Florida and she connected to the Church of God in Christ 1 under the leadership of Elder A. Hines. In 1940, Dr. S. Edwards became her pastor under whom she served the church until she died, March 30, 1981, at 1:30 P.M.

Some of her words in our local church:

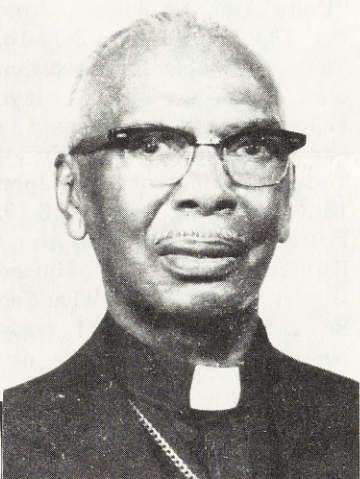
1. She served as a member for 45 years.
2. She served as president of Bible Band 12 years.
3. She served as Home and Foreign Mission President 18 years.
4. She served as Church Clerk 35 years.
5. She served as Church Mother 27 years. For 21 years as State Elect Lady in the Cogie Evangelist Department.

She served as National Regional Elect lady over Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Alabama 14 years.

The late Mother Mamie Thomas was born July 1, 1904, to the late Walker and Lucy Bryant of Moultrie, Georgia. She departed this life March 30, 1981-1:30 P.M.

She leaves to mourn her passing four daughters, Mrs. Cora L. Harris and Mrs. Loreaine Davis, both of Belle Glade, Florida; Mrs. Mamie L. Fraizer of Trenton, New Jersey; Mrs. Marian Jackson of Bradton, Florida; four sons, Mr. Leroy Wilson of Buffalo, New York; Mr. Walter B. Thomas of Trenton, New Jersey; Mr. Loenza Thomas of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Ozell Thomas of Belle Glade, Florida; four sisters, Mrs. Charlie M. Jackson of Barney, Georgia; Mrs. Jessie B. Martin and Mrs. Cather Bell Hudson, both of Hobe Sound, Florida; Miss Florence Bryant of Westberry, New York; one brother, Mr. Lawrence Bryant, Sr. of Hobe Sound, Florida; one

daughter-in-law, two sisters-in-law, fourteen grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.



TRIBUTE TO ELDER JERRY P. DABNEY

Early Saturday morning, January 3, 1981, the trumpet sounded at 3:00 a.m. and Jerry P. Dabney boarded the Old Ship of Zion and went home to live with Jesus where there will be no more sickness, pain, sorrow, or death and every day will be Sunday.

He was the seventh son of nine sons born to the late Jacob and Mary Dabney. He was born September 28, 1900 in King and Queen County, Virginia.

He became a Christian at an early age and joined the Union Baptist Church in Trenton, New Jersey. The Dabney Boys organized a quartet and sang Gospel Music.

In 1934, he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he found God in the beauty of holiness and joined the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ with the Bishop O. T. Jones, Sr., pastor.

He met and married Mrs. Beulah L. Williams, State Mother of Virginia, on April 10, 1939, to whom he remained faithful until his death.

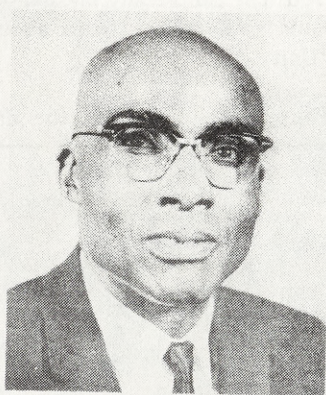
He began pastoring in the Church of God in Christ in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then was called in 1940 to pastor in the Church of God in Christ in Staunton, Virginia under the leadership of Bishop D. C. Love, God mightily prospering this work through him in saving many souls. His work and fame echoed throughout the Shannandoah Valley and Western part of the State of Virginia. In the early fifties, he was sent to pastor Holiness Tabernacle, Church of God in Christ in Roanoke, Virginia. This work also grew and soon he had to find a larger place. The Lord blessed and he moved his congregation to 1130 Melrose Ave. N.W. where he remained as pastor until his death. He was loved by the saints and all that met him. He was a faithful minister. He also pastored a lovely congregation in Radford, Virginia. During this time he was appointed Chairman of the

Board of Superintendents, 2nd Jurisdiction of Virginia and State Bishop of West Virginia, South. A quiet man in his manner, a saint of God in truth. All that knew him will miss him.

A loving memory will remain with his wife (Darling) Mother Beulah L. Dabney, now residing at 168 Lake Ave., Staten Island, New York 10303, daughter, Jerietta Dabney of Roanoke, Va., brother, Bert Dabney of Elkins Park, Pa., sister-in-law, Mother Esther Taylor of Staten Island, New York, nieces and nephews, along with a host of relatives and friends.

His seat will be empty but he will never be forgotten.

The Family



SUPT. OWEN SMITH
Obituary

Supt. Owen Smith was born July 9, 1906 in Samson, Ala. to the late Judge and Birta Smith.

He was educated in the County schools of Raleigh, North Carolina.

He was converted and attended the Methodist Church.

In 1933, he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in Apalachicola, Florida.

In 1938, he moved to Tallahassee and soon afterward he began pastoring. He held the Pastorship of Watson Temple Church of God in Christ for three years, and Midway Church of God in Christ for eleven years.

He had to relinquish his stewardship because his health failed him. Through the continued belief in God, his miraculous power, he recovered.

In 1953, the Lord lead him to build him a house for worship. The Lord blessed this work to be completed, which is now the University Church of God in Christ located on the corner of Poppy and Osceola Streets.

During the 29 years as pastor, he extended his stewardship to include, Supt. of the Tallahassee District, Vice President of the State Evangelistic Board and State Treasurer of the Church of God in Christ of Central Florida Jurisdiction.

He served as Vice President of the Holiness Federation and the Holiness Ministerial Alliance. He served as Chaplin of Florida A&M Hospital.

He was a member of the Tallahassee Urban League, the

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in
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Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Also he worked with the Southern Leadership Conference.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife, Mrs. Ernestine Smith; one son, Mr. Richard Smith of Tallahassee, Florida; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Katrine Smith; four grandchildren, Mrs. Veronica Ash, Mr. Richard Smith, Misses Angela and

Chrishonn Smith, all of Tallahassee; four great grandchildren; four Godsons, Mr. Joseph Mannings of Tampa, Florida, Mr. Obadiah Sims, Alex Wineglass and Ferma Richardson of Tallahassee, Florida; one brother, Mr. Floyd Smith of Brewston, Ala.; a sister Mrs. Nina Mae Hardy of DeFuniak Springs, Florida; three sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; one grandson-in-law; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, members and friends.

STREET CHANGED IN HONOR OF PASTOR WILLIAM H. BONNER



Thirty-seven years ago Bishop William Roberts commissioned Dr. Bonner to go to Aurora to a very small congregation. He and his wife, Mother Dorothy, and family commuted to Aurora from Waukegan, Illinois nearly seventy miles away. His determination, devotion, and enthusiasm for the work of God compelled others to follow him.

He was able to build his first edifice in 1949, and since then rebuilt and remodeled three times. The present building has a dining area, education wing, and an outlying landscaped parking area.

He has secured property which has added to the beauty of the community. Dr. Bonner's work has spread not only to his local church, but he has been District Superintendent and State Administrative Assistant. He is now State Administrator of the Sixth Jurisdiction of Illinois under Bishop H. W. Goldsberry.

June 4, 1981, marked the commemorative service in honor of Dr. William Haven Bonner and the street named in his honor.

Pond Avenue was changed to Bonner Avenue in February as tribute to the thirty-seven years of dedicated service that Dr. Bonner, State Administrator of 6th Jurisdiction of Illinois, and Pastor of the Greater Mount Olive Church of God in Christ, has given.

READERS WRITE

"PEACE IN CHRIST"

The world is searching for peace constantly; Seeking outlets to set their minds free. Looking beyond reality indeed to justly satisfy Their inner need. Reluctant to take Christ by the hand--- They resort to the insufficiency of man. Soothsayers, astrologists, psychiatrists, you see; All this is done for tranquility. Politicians are seeking for worldwide Peace,

Overlooking Christ who can make all wars Cease. The symbol of peace is not potent at all. It can't save this world from its destructive Fall. The peace men search for can only be found In Christ--- The Prince of Peace, to be precise! So in the darkest hour when storms rage In your life, be not dismayed--- There's "PEACE IN CHRIST!"

Cheryl Letlow
612 Yale Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45407

CHURCH NEWS

VIRGINIA

On Saturday, April 25, 1981, busses started rolling from all over the state of Virginia to one point-The Calhoun Center, Richmond, Virginia-the site of the Third Jurisdiction's first Youth Festival sponsored by the State YPWW Dept. The theme was "Motivate the State." There were 800 in attendance for this youth oriented affair which included games, magic acts, balloons, prizes, skits, gong show, hot dogs, hamburgers, candy apples, etc.

Another attraction during this creative day was an Arts and Crafts Show in which the artists from all over the state brought their items to be displayed and judged. Outstanding works received first, second, and third place ribbons in the art, crafts, and drawing categories.

The State Band added zest and appeal to the air as their fan fare signaled the beginning of the grande fanale-The Festive Parade. Dressed in colors chosen by the district, each district marched in its own creative style. The district with the best march was the Richmond District with the Portsmouth District coming in second place. Trophies were presented to these winners.

After the last march by the Suffolk District using the song "I Just Can't Stop Praising His Name," young people began praising God in the dance. Around 5:00 everyone was exhausted but happy as the busses and vans were boarded and pulled out for the different parts of the state.

The YPWW officers thank Bishop L. E. Willis and the Pastors for the opportunity to motivate the youth of the Third Jurisdiction.

Elder L. E. Willis, II, State President
Mrs. Sheary Johnson, State Chairlady
Elder Herman Crockett, Assist. President
Mrs. Mary Wynn, Assist. Chairlady
Bishop L. E. Willis, Overseer
Mrs. Fannie Mann, State Supervisor

CALIFORNIA

The 67th Holy Convocation of Southern California Jurisdiction No. One in session June 8th, through the 14th, under the leadership of the illustrious Bishop J. A. Blake was declared one of the greatest meetings in history as the power of the Holy Ghost swept through each service. A record attendance of close to five thousand on Official Day which was held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles highlighted this year's Convocation setting.

Expansion..God's Demand..Our World's Need was the theme for the Convocation. Eld. Leroy Mardis, Second Administrative Assistant was the keynote theme speaker. Approximately five

hundred saints joined Bishop Blake each morning on their knees in prayer followed by doctrinal messages from the various ministers throughout the Jurisdiction. The Convocation Institute, chaired by Dr. Dorothy Exume and coordinated by Elder James Lewis were in session in the afternoons with classes designed to develop the workers in the various phases of the Jurisdiction's outreach ministries. Mother Lula Blake, our First Lady, was one of the instructors during these sessions.

Eld. Joe Nelson of Houston, Texas, invited guest of our Bishop, preached a soul stirring message the second night of the meeting. Also included on our Bishop's guest list was the renown Bishop M. G. Grady, Jurisdictional Bishop Texas, Southeast Second. A special Convocation Mass Choir rendered music throughout the meeting along with selected local church choirs.

Thursday, of course was one of the most exciting days of our Convocation when Dr. Lillian Morris, our gracious presiding Supervisor of Women, lead the ladies, which were attired in pink, in a full day's session. Mother Morris admonished the women to be about the King's Business.. Our Priority, the selected theme for Women's Day. The ministers wives provided the music for the day with progress reports from the various District Missionaries representing nearly three hundred churches.

With a capacity crowd each night at the State Headquarters, people were turned away from Crouch Temple, seating three thousand, Friday night, when our International Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson was special guest. He encouraged us to "Go forward, working together as members of the Body of Christ."

Sunday was Official Day. Jurisdictional Bishop J. A. Blake, International General Board Member and one of the greatest preachers in the brotherhood, did indeed preach under the anointing of the Holy Ghost as thousands were touched by the Power of the Spirit. The Elder Charles Blake, First Administrative Assistant, and son of our beloved Bishop presided over the Official Day Service. A Proclamation was presented to Eld. Blake from the Mayor's Office declaring June 14th as the Official Day of the Church of God in Christ in Los Angeles. Other Resolutions and Letters of Congratulations were presented from our various city officials. We were honored to have our Presiding Bishop Patterson remain with us for the Official Day along with the eminent Bishop O. T. Jones, Jr., General Board Member and Jurisdictional Bishop of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who gave inspiring words of exhortation. We are encouraged as never before to continue to expand under the leadership of the dynamic Bishop J. A.

TEXAS NORTHWEST

The State Women's Convention for the Church of God in Christ, Texas Northwest Jurisdiction convened Wednesday, April 29th, thru Saturday, May 2nd, 1981. The Convention was held at the Prayer House Church of God in Christ, Lamesa, Texas where the Rev. W. Watson is the pastor. Our State Supervisor Mother Blanche E. Williams and her cabinet presided.

Wednesday night was the Homecoming night and the host district was in charge. Our Jurisdictional Bishop of Texas Northwest, Bishop J. E. Alexander brought the Word of God. The Lord really blessed our souls as he spoke to us about, "Unity."

Thursday and Friday, the day



CLAUDIA J. JORDAN

TEXAS

President Russell H. Dilday, Jr., conferred degrees on 153 graduates July 17, during summer commencement at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The ceremony was at 7 p.m. in Truett Auditorium on the campus. Among the graduates was Claudia J. Jordan

Degree: Master of Religious Education

Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas

Parents' Name: Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Lee

Spouse: Rev. Robert L. Jordan

Spouse's Parents:

Parents-in-law address:

Church position: Education Director, Rolling Hills Church of God in Christ, Fort Worth, Texas

Other: B.S. 1962, North Texas State University, Denton

Southwestern Seminary is the largest institution in the United States and Canada accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. An agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, more than 38,000 students have been enrolled during the institution's 73-year history.

Blake.....

Barbara A. Lewis
Reporter

services began at 11 a.m. with prayer being led by Chaplain Giddings. We were greatly blessed as the Lord ministered to us daily through our Assist. Supervisor, Mother Victorine Mackey. The Institute classes were at 1 p.m., The Theme was "Unity Our Challenge", from Psa. 133:1 and I John 3:14-15. Thursday's topic for discussion was, "How To Achieve Fellowship and Brotherhood in our Communities, In Light of Today's World Problems", John 13:34-35 and I John 3:16-19. Friday's topic was, "What About Human Rights and Human Dignity In Our World? What Can Be Done?" The Lord really blessed us greatly in the day sessions.

Thursday night service convened at 7 p.m. We were blessed as we listened to the Evangelist hour and the Inspirational Team. The Spirit of God really moved in the building. Friday night, the Bishop's wife, Mrs. J. E. Alexander brought the official message entitled Jesus Is the Way Out". She brought the people to their feet as she spoke under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

Saturday was the children's hour with Presidents, Mrs. B. McDaniel and Mrs. P. Newson in charge. The Convention closed with a Banquet which was beautiful. The speaker for the evening was Missionary W. L. Denmon, followed by words from our Bishop.

Miss Sheryl Kenan, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Kenan was crowned Miss Purity of Texas Northwest. The evening closed as our Supervisor Mrs. Blanche E. Williams expressed her appreciation to the women of Texas Northwest for their loyal support.

We thank God for such a great meeting, and for pouring out his Spirit upon us. We ask that you pray for our Supervisor Mrs. Blanche E. Williams, who is a great woman of God, and also for the Women's Dept. of Texas Northwest.

Mrs. Bertha Kenan-Reporter
Mrs. Blanche E. Williams-State Supervisor
Bishop J. E. Alexander-State Bishop

GERMANY

Holy Ghost Headquarters, Church of God in Christ, has made History.

We've come a long way, by the Grace of God we've conquered defeat and have come out victoriously. Holy Ghost Headquarters, Church of God in Christ has made history, the first Church of God in Christ on the economy. God specializes in things that seem impossible. The brethren made fun, ridiculed Elder David O. Taylor for believing God, for not belittling God for his desire. Elder Taylor had the faith and works, as a result, God granted his desire, the first Church of God in Christ on the economy.

He went through the belittlement of the Chaplains, who put him out of the churches because of the way we praise God, in the beauty of Holiness. Elder David O. Taylor was told he would not succeed, that he would be defeated. When you live for God and have such a burden for souls as our Pastor Elder David O. Taylor, God will stand with you when no one else will. There's a great work being done in Germany and the world needs to know. Elder David O. Taylor started out with a membership of seven and the congregation has grown to one-hundred and thirty-three souls, through much travelling in prayer and fasting since 1978. God is yet answering his prayers. He's touched the lives of many men and women, souls are being saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. The great work in Germany is being made known. Those that said it couldn't be done, now have their chance to see that God stands with his own, and brings us out victoriously. Our first service was June 7, 1981, and the Saints went up praising God because Holy Ghost Headquarters is "Free." We now have the victory.

There have been many Pastors that have come and gone, with no desire to make Germany their home and work to have the first Church of God in Christ on the economy. I believe in my heart that God has appointed and anointed this prophet for this great work. They're coming from miles to witness this great work and to worship with us. The Elder David O. Taylor, Sr., Evangelistic Crusade with two of the greatest preachers, Elder Ronald Dixon and Elder E. T. Ferguson, preached in Dexheim, Germany July 11, 1981. They are stirring up the community, they will be touring Germany, proclaiming the Gospel and souls are being saved. My soul is just rejoicing because of the great work that is going on in Germany, the souls that are being saved, the Sound Doctrine that is being preached. I'm thankful to God for allowing me a chance to witness this great work and to be under Elder David O. Taylor's teachings; God has brought me a long way. (Saints, pray for the work that is being done in Germany, that the Lord will continue to open doors.) We have a hundred and thirty-three members and there isn't anyone over thirty-five, we're the "Nation that Shall Obey."

The great work in Germany is being made known. The news of "The First Church of God in Christ on the economy", Federal Republic of West Germany, Holy Ghost Headquarters is spreading across Germany. Holy

Ghost Headquarters is "free" and has made History.

Humbly Submitted,
Sis. Joyce A. Price
President Public Relations Dept.
Holy Ghost Headquarters
C.O.G.I.C.
Office of the Pastor

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BISHOPS ADOPT NEW OFFICIAL VESTMENTS

The use of these symbols is restricted to those unauthorized to do so. The church seal may be used by the jurisdiction with prior permission of the bishop. The Bishop's Seal, of course, is for the personal use of the bishop (i. e. stationary, programs, etc.) The seal of the Presiding Bishop is limited to Bishop Patterson and other authorized persons.

Along with the adoption of these symbols, however, has come an alteration in the official apparel of Bishops. Bishops' vestments will now include a black Roman Style Cassock, white contemporary Rochet and colored Chimeres. Jurisdictional bishops will wear a black chimere, General Board Members a purple chimere, and the Presiding Bishop a scarlet chimere. This ceremonial garment is to be worn at official functions such as: convocations (jurisdictional or national), ordination of elders, or the funeral of a pastor or bishop.

One of the reasons for this change is to set the Bishop apart from the Elder. Elders are not permitted to wear any other color other than black. Nor are they permitted to wear a gold or silver chain across their breast. They may however, wear crosses with a black cord. The chain is the symbol of the bishop. Licensed ministers, of course, are restricted from wearing the garments of elders and bishops. Church seal and the Bishop's seal. At the very top of the crest are the words "THE SEAL OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP." In the center of the circle is the shield with the gathered wheat and rain pictured at the top and the grapes pictured at the bottom. On top of the shield sits a large crown with the tippet flowing out of it. Behind the shield is a key and shepherd's staff. The key represents the supreme authority given every minister of Christ in the matter of the souls committed to his charge. The staff speaks of his call to the Church of God in Christ to serve as Chief Shepherd. In the crown are three diamonds, representing our belief in the Trinity, and four robes, representing the four gospels.

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

On Sunday, August 16, Mt. Airy Church held its first Senior Citizens Day. It was the result of a vision given by God to John Kelly, a member of Mt. Airy Church, and those who supported his vision and helped to bring it to pass.

Members, relatives and friends in this special category-Senior Citizens-were invited to attend. Transportation was provided for many. Cameramen from Channel 10 News and Channel 6 News were present to film the event, and it was shown that same day on the 6 o'clock and 11 o'clock news.

PRESIDING BISHOP RESIGNS JURISDICTION, NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE

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limits of Memphis, and one College of the Bible, owned and operated by the Church. Bishop Macklin is beloved by the pastors of the Jurisdiction and his elevation was well received by the pastors of Memphis. Presiding Bishop Patterson will continue to be a vital part of the work here in Memphis but the Administrative and Ecclesiastical Ministries of the Episcopal Office will be Superintended by the New Bishop of Memphis.

The formal consecration of the Bishop and installation of office will take place in the month of September (date to be announced,) with Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and members of the General Board of Bishops serving as

"Consecrators" in the ceremonies.

Along with Bishop Macklin and Bishop Porter, another young pastor of the area was elevated to the rank of "Auxiliary" Bishop with Portfolio (without a Jurisdiction or particular Overseership but with right to the Episcopal College, and authority to use the colors, clothes and dignity of the Bishopric.) Bishop (Elect) Samuel Lowe, pastor of the Gethsemane Gardens Church of God in Christ, 1224 Chelsea Avenue, Memphis was appointed to the Episcopal office in a surprise move by Bishop J. O. Patterson. The announcements brought in congratulations and greetings from churchmen and

civic leaders from across the Nation. Bishop (Elect) Lowe will assist Bishop (Elect) Macklin in the work of the Jurisdiction. Bishop Macklin has asked Bishop Lowe to work with him in the Pastoral care of the Churches in Memphis and Bishop Lowe has accepted the appointment. Bishop Lowe will be consecrated on the same night as Bishop Macklin. Protocol demands that Bishop Macklin be consecrated first, and then Bishop Lowe so that the Doctrine and Seniority will prevail in the Episcopal line. Following their consecrations, Bishop Macklin will be officially INSTALLED to the See of Memphis (Headquarters.)

RELEASED BY:

The Reverend J. Delano Ellis, II
Adjutant to the Presiding Bishop
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MICHIGAN

Elder Elbert Clark founded Berea Cogie in his home around 1958. He moved into his first church building on Hamilton and Webb in December of 1959. The congregation moved to the present location on Puritan in 1967.

The church has been remodeled and has grown spiritually and naturally. Many have been saved and healed through the power of God.

Our pastor, Rev. Ernest C. Morris, directed his morning message to our honorees: "What Is Your Worth?" I John 2:13. He informed and reminded us that this special age group is a valuable asset to the nation, to the community and to the church. He showed us through scripture and modern-day application that it is this group of people who can give sound counsel, who has an abundance of wisdom, who can remain calm in the midst of turmoil and trouble because of their personal experiences with life and with God. This is the age group who can relate to children, adolescents, teenagers, young adults, and the middle aged because they, the Senior Citizens, have already passed those places on life's journey. It is this group who can encourage us and help us for they are living witnesses that we can make it...that trouble does not last always...that God will take care of you.

It was inspiring to see them praise God and give witness to the things that Rev. Morris spoke of in his message.

Pastor Clark also is an anointed and gifted guitar player. He plays at the midnight services at Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee during the National Holy Convocation in November.

Our order of services are:

Sunday School-10:00 a.m.
Morning Service-11:30 a.m.
YPWW 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service: 7:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Friday evenings-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer-9:00 a.m.

Each of our honorees received a flower, a hug and a kiss as evidences of our love for them. A scrumptious dinner was prepared and served to them immediately following morning service.

There is a definite place and a great need for our Senior Citizens. We thank God for them and the precious value of their existence. We cannot make it without them!

Carolyn D. Adams, Reporter

MT. AIRY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

The Mt. Airy Men

On Saturday, August 8, the Mt. Airy Men of Mt. Airy Church of God in Christ celebrated their first anniversary. Our male chorus presented our male singing group, The Mt. Airy Men, in their anniversary service. This singing group is also a part of the male chorus. It was beautiful to witness the support that the men gave the men.

This group is a result of a vision given by God to Walter Chaney and Melvin Brown. The present members are Walter Chaney, Melvin Brown, James Mattison, Lonnie Sims, Irvin Milburn, Joseph Warrick, John Kelly and James Washington. This group is under the spiritual leadership and direction of Min. Robert Ferrell, who truly enjoys singing, and truly enjoys working with these young men. He is also the director for the male chorus.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Dea. Arthur Gilbert, a young man on fire for the Lord, who encourages the Spirit to have His way. The singing was good. They sang to the glory of God, and God was truly glorified.

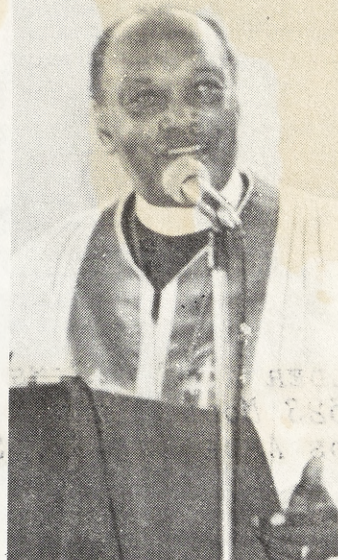
One outstanding highlight of the service were the remarks made by the wife or other family members about her male in the group. She was praising God that he was saved and working for the Lord, and encouraging him to keep on. How beautiful!

We here at Mt. Airy Church are godly proud of our men whom the Lord has given in abundance, and is yet giving. We praise God for our pastor, Rev. Ernest C. Morris, who himself is a MAN who knows how to respect a MAN and is able, therefore, to win a MAN for Christ.

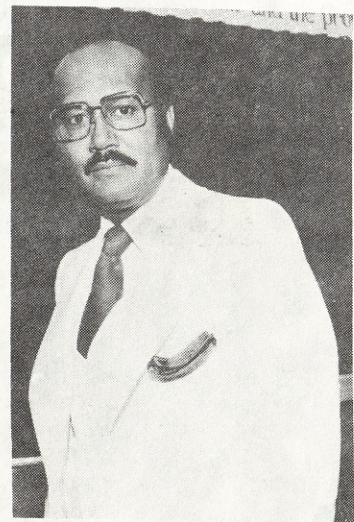
Carolyn D. Adams, Reporter

GREETINGS FROM THE HOLY CONVOCATION

MOBILE, ALABAMA



BISHOP W. S. HARRIS



INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR SUPT. L. V. JAMISON

by
Cathy Stewart

(213-641-7249)

The regional Home and Foreign Mission Department of Southern California's Jurisdiction No. One, recently appointed Eld. L. V. Jamison as superintendent.

The newly appointed superintendent has about 75 churches, Elder Jamison, who is originally from Memphis, Tenn., was a member of Lambert Cogie then under the leadership of Eld. Griffin. His work in the mission field which began in Memphis about 30 years ago has now earned him his position as regional superintendent.

Eld. Jamison has been pastoring in Los Angeles over 20 years and is the pastor of Greater New Mt. Zion Cogie.

Installation services were conducted by Eld. J. J. Rollings, president of So. California's Home and Foreign Mission department.

The Seventeenth Annual Mid-Summer Convocation of the Second Jurisdiction of Alabama was held August 3-9, 1981, with Bishop W. S. Harris presiding. We are pleased to report that God blessed us with our greatest meeting ever. Attendance was at an all-time high, with a full house for each night of service, including a mid-night musical after the Friday night service.

Sunday, which was Official Day for our Bishop, began with a police escorted motorcade through the streets of Prichard from the host church, Community Church of God in Christ, to the Langham Auditorium, which had to be obtained to accommodate the size of the Sunday congregation. Our esteemed Bishop Harris fed a full Langham Auditorium with manna from above. Before taking a text, he taught from the vast well of knowledge and experience God has given him, admonishing all of Alabama's Second Jurisdiction to live holy and let things be done decently and in order. He then preached from the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, using the parable of the ten virgins to remind us to be ready when Jesus comes again.

We thank God for giving us Bishop W. S. Harris, a man with the vision to establish programs that have proven to be a blessing to our jurisdiction. The public relations department is carrying

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WHAT ABOUT A CONDITION I MAY HAVE HAD BEFORE MY CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED?

Pre-existing conditions (any sickness or accident you had or for which you received medical advice or treatment prior to the effective date of your certificate are not covered for the first 24 months.

WILL MY CLAIM BE HANDLED PROMPTLY?

Yes, our record for claim service is excellent. Your benefit check will be promptly sent direct to you, or anyone else you designate.

IS THERE A SPECIAL ADVANTAGE IN BEGINNING MY PROTECTION NOW?

Yes, because of lower premium rates.

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out his desire to have a professional quality radio broadcast and a program/souvenir booklet during the convocation. A statewide

planning committee has been established to set a full slate of workshops and activities to further enhance the growth of our state. God has sent His approval on all that has been done by giving us the increase in

attendance, finance, and most of all, souls. Pray that God will ever bless us.

Rev. James C. Simon, Reporter
Bishop W. S. Harris,
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Name: ☐ (Mr.) ☐ (Mrs.) ☐ (Miss) Please Print Date of Birth: Age: Height: Weight:
(of applicant)
Address: Phone No. Occupation:
City: State: Zip: No. In Family

Check One: Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed ☐

Fill in the following information on anyone to be included in the program:

Name of Persons Included	Related to Applicant As	Birth Date Mo. Da. Yr.	Age	Height	Weight
1.					
2.					
3.					

The following questions are to be answered YES or NO and apply to every person named above.

1. Has any insurance covering you or any person named above ever been modified, rated-up, or terminated by insurer, or has reinstatement thereof been refused? Check One Yes ☐ No ☐
2. To the best of your knowledge and belief do you or any person named above have any injury, sickness, deformity, or physical or mental infirmity or disorder at the present time? Yes ☐ No ☐
3. Do you or any person named above have any known medical or surgical condition at the present time which you feel, or have been told by a physician, will require hospitalization? Yes ☐ No ☐
4. During the past 5 years have you or any person named above consulted, or been advised to consult a physician or surgeon? Yes ☐ No ☐

If Your Answer Is YES To Any One Of The Above Questions, Please Complete The Following:

Person	Description of Such Condition or History	Date	Duration	Results or Impairment	Name of Doctor & Address

This is to certify that I am a member of the Church Of God In Christ and the above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand that this is not an insurance company, but a self insured hospital fund, owned by the Church Of God In Christ. I understand that pre-existing health conditions (Health problems which were manifest or medically advised or treated during the past 24 months) will not be covered during the first two years of coverage.

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Bishop's Name: X Date:

Please Check Plan Desired:

Circle Amount

	Plan No. 3 \$25 per day \$175 a week Monthly Payment	Plan No. 3-A \$50 per day \$350 a week Monthly Payment	Plan No. 3-B \$75 per day \$525 a week Monthly Payment	Plan No. 3-C \$100 per day \$700 a week Monthly Payment
One Person	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$21.00	\$28.00
Husband-Wife	\$14.00	\$28.00	\$42.00	\$56.00
One-Parent Family Plan	Each Child \$4.00	Each Child \$8.00	Each Child \$12.00	Each Child \$16.00
All-Family Plan	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$16.00
Age 65 or over	\$14.00*			

The cost of becoming a member of the fund:

Please attach check or money order for first month contribution payable to C.O.G.I.C. Hospital Fund

DETACH AND RETURN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

For Office Use Only

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Rider _____
M.H.W. _____
I.D. 161
JUR # _____

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

HISTORICAL/CULTURAL AND FINE ARTS EXHIBITION CENTER TO OPEN SOON

The Historical/Cultural and Fine Arts Exhibition Center, a component of the Saints Center Complex, plans to officially open this fall in the Church of God in Christ Downtown Headquarters. It will feature historical documents and pictorial displays relating to the life and administration of our founding father, Bishop Charles Harrison Mason. Artifacts and other memorabilia will also be exhibited. A collection of other visuals relevant to our church history, its pioneers, and other important events will also be displayed in the center. Additionally, the center will display paintings, arts and crafts, sculptures and drawings.

If you have an item, or if you know anyone who has relevant materials or historical articles, please help us to infinitely broaden cultural awareness and

appreciation of our church history. All entries will be impeccably annotated and securely protected. May we hear from you soon?

Gift items, inquiries and further arrangements may be directed to:

Office of the Presiding Bishop
Attention: Mrs. Julia Mason Atkins
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272 South Main Street
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